reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 28th April, 1998;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to such deal;

(c) whether Government propose to raise such issues in the international fora to defuse tension; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government are aware of the ongoing military cooperation between Russia and China including the sale of some ships which have the capacity to carry supersonic anti-ship missiles SSN-22.

Government are also aware of the transfer of missiles and missile technology from China to Pakistan. Our concern about such transfers are well-known and have been conveyed in our bilateral discussions with various countries.

Visit of American Senators to India

3273. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two American Senators who recently visited India met the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in their meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) US Senators Brownback and Charles Robb visited India on June 28, 1998. The Senators met with Prime Minister and other leader and held discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues in the context of the recent nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan.

Security Council's Plea to Curb Nuclear Weapons

3274. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Security Council has unanimously urged India and Pakistan to halt nuclear weapon programmes;

(b) if so, in what precise terms and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether the Security Council also reminded the nuclear weapon States of their responsibility to renew efforts to curb nuclear weapons, including those in their arsenals; and if so, what is the P-5 response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMAIT VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Security Council called upon India and Pakistan immediately to stop their nuclear weapon development programmes, to refrain from weaponisation or from the deployment of nuclear weapons, to cease development of ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons and any further production of fissile material for nuclear weapons. The Government in it reponse has stated that the Security Council Resolution was coereive and unhelpful.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, the P-5 countries have not agreed to work for gloal nuclear disarmament in a time-bound framework.

Statement of Former Chief Minister of J and K

3275. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri G.M. Shah, appearing